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 For : IMAGE RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND  
 IMAGE RECORDING AND REPRODUCING METHOD  
 Examiner : Chevalier, Robert  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	14	Minus	** = 20	* 0 x	\$50 (25)	= \$ 0
Independent claims	3	Minus	*** = 3	* 0 x	\$200 (100)	= \$ 0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 0

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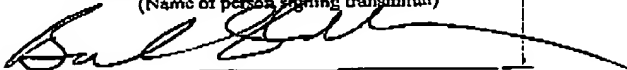
- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$300 (150) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a \_\_\_ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_ is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims ☐ petition for extension of time.
- ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
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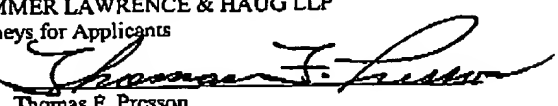
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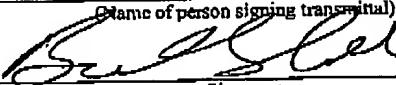
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on February 22, 2006, having a three-month statutory period of response set to expire on May 22, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.